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A REVISED STATEMENT ON BEEF CATTLE PRODUCTION PAYMENTS to feeders, dated June 15, has been prepared by Triple-A to replace the statement dated June 2. Copies of the June 2 statement should be destroyed. Additions have been made in the questions and answers part of the statement as follows: Parts (b), (d), (f), (g), and (h) have been added to question 4, "What type of evidence must a feeder-slaughterer present in applying for payment?" These answers in the order given are: the person from whom purchased, number of head, date of slaughter, liveweight when slaughtered, and grade of carcass. Five questions and answers are added to this revised statement giving further details on the program on to improve meat supplies.

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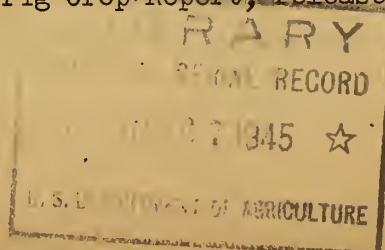
AGRICULTURAL LEGISLATIVE DEVELOPMENTS. . . . June 19, the House Banking and Currency Committee reported a bill to continue the price control and stabilization acts. June 20, the Senate passed a bill continuing the Reciprocal Trade Agreements program; the Senate Appropriations Committee reported the war agencies appropriation bill which restores the budget estimate for WPB's timber production program. June 21, the Senate passed a bill amending various farm credit laws to continue the authority for the Land Bank Commissioner to authorize land bank loans up to 65 percent of appraised value, etc; the Senate confirmed the nomination of Claude R. Wickard to be REA Administrator.

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A FARM ACCIDENT STORY CONTEST, in which \$500 in war bonds and stamps will be awarded, will be launched on the June 30 COUNTRY JOURNAL show (CBS, 9:30 a.m., EWT). True stories about farm accidents will be invited from all Country Journal listeners and the winners will be announced on the July 28 program in connection with National Farm Safety Week which ends on that day. The contest is sponsored jointly by the National Safety Council and CBS. Also on the June 30 Country Journal program will be a talk by Earl Bell of BAE entitled "The Future of the Small Town."

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HOW MANY PIGS ARE GOING TO MARKET?. . . . Based on returns from some 144,000 farmers throughout the country the combined spring and fall pig crop of 1945 is expected to be a little larger than that of 1944. The 1945 spring pig crop is estimated at 51,687,000 head, a decrease of 7 percent from that of 1944, but a prospective increase in the fall pig crop offsets spring crop decrease by a small margin as indicated by farmers' reports on intentions for fall farrowings. If current prospects materialize the combined 1945 pig crop will be about 87,000,000 compared with 86,753,000 in 1944, and 121,706,000 in 1943. For complete details on 1945 pig production see BAE's Pig Crop Report, released at noon on June 22.



CONSUMER TIME relinquished its 15 minutes today to NBC for a special pick-up of an OKLAHOMA HEREFORD SHOW. The tips on shopping announced in last week's Calendar for today's Consumer Time show will be heard June 30 at 12:15 p.m. On July 7, hints on home canning in a sugar-scarce season will be given.

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PEACHES--OUR MOST FRUITFUL OUTLOOK. . . . The largest peach crop on record is expected this year from the 10 Southern States. The current estimate is 26 million bushels as compared with a 10-year average of 16 million. With many foods scarce, peaches will be a welcome standby on the summer menu. The berry crop is light but civilians should receive about the same amount of commercially canned fruits this year as they did last.

Indications are that peaches will be more plentiful for home and community canning this year than any other fruit. Railroad officials have promised full cooperation in distributing the crop, but because of the general short transportation situation, it will take a week or more for some peaches to reach their destinations so that the peak week of supply on the markets will not be until about July 15 or later.

A 7-page fact sheet has just been issued on peaches which can be secured from the Office of Information. It estimates the volume of production by States and seasons, tells where the crop goes and how to make best use of the fruit, and gives some recipes, as well as background facts on the peach situation.

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USDA RELEASES OF SPECIAL IMPORTANCE. . . . Statement by War Food Administrator Jones on 1945 crop cotton purchase program--1112; No milkweed floss collection this year--1116; FSA loans for returning veterans --1122; Army trucks released to meet agricultural needs--1136; Post-war prospects for agriculture analyzed--1137; Veterans given preference in purchase of new farm machinery--1138.

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OTHER RELEASES OF AGRICULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE. . . . Ship chandlers' mark-ups for poultry, eggs and butter increased--OPA-T-3343; Actions pertaining to mark-ups on fresh and frozen Atlantic salmon--OPA-5655; Tire rationing regulations amended to allow new passenger tires to be used on certain farm vehicles--OPA-5670; Point value of lard, shortening and oils increased to 12 points a pound--OPA-5673; Policy for pricing 1945 pack of canned foods changed--OPA-T-3349; Ceiling price for snap beans increased--OPA-5672; Ceiling prices for California flaxseed increased--OPA-T-3354; Present ceiling for late spring crop of onions will continue until July 15--OPA-5675; Ceiling prices covering strawberries and eggplant--OPA-5681; Veterans who enter candy-making business to get a "base" of 16,000 instead of 8,000 pounds of sugar--OPA-5664; FEA arranging for procurement of Philippine strategic commodities, such as copra, fibers and sugar--OWI-4563; Heavier loads of early potatoes permitted to conserve limited supply of refrigerator cars--ODT-861.

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RECENT USDA PUBLICATIONS. . . . Bibliography on Dehydration of Foods, 1938-43, Bibliographical Bul. No. 6, 120 p.; Better Management on Southern Coastal forest ranges, AIS-17, 12 p.; Food for Two, AIS-21, 8-page folder; Reducing damage to eggs and egg cases, Misc. Pub. No. 564, 24 p.; Testing Fabrics for Resistance to Mildew and Rot, Tech. Bul. No. 892, 22 p.; Let's Talk About Timber Supplies, DS-26, 6 p.; Reducing Damage to Trees from Construction Work, Farmer's Bul. No. 1967, 26 p.; Family Food Plans for Good Nutrition, AWI-78, a folder slightly rev. June 1945.

YOUR HOME AND GARDEN show at 12:30 p.m. (EWT) on June 30 will contain current and helpful tips to gardeners and homemakers as usual by the Moore-DuMars team and Ruth Van Deman.

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SURPLUS MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL SUPPLIES. . . . A few days ago a special work group of the Department's Interbureau Committee on Post-war Programs issued a 6-page report on the Disposal of War Surplus Medical and Hospital Supplies. In this report it is contended that "It is a matter of urgent concern to the Department of Agriculture that there be an equitable distribution of surplus hospital and medical supplies to help relieve the acute shortage of rural medical facilities and to improve the position of small farming communities in their efforts to secure the services of doctors and dentists who will be leaving the armed forces." Basic principles are proposed around which a program might be built to dispose of surplus medical and hospital supplies to the greatest advantage of the greatest number of people. The report is for administrative use only, available to Department personnel upon request to the Office of Information.

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WHAT PEACE CAN MEAN TO AMERICAN FARMERS is the title of a 28-page report (MP-562) to be released June 28. In it BAE specialists review what may be expected in the way of farm prosperity under various levels of employment after the war. They estimate probable agricultural prices, production, and income under full employment, intermediate employment and under serious depression conditions. Rather wide distribution of the report is planned and notification copies are being sent out through usual channels. Extra copies may be obtained from the Office of Information.

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"DO YOU KNOW?" is the title of a Farm Safety slidefilm that has just been prepared by the Department in collaboration with the National Safety Council. It is designed for use in any of three ways: as a regular film strip; as a discussion guide; or as the basis for a quiz session on farm safety. Copies of the slidefilm and the script to go with it are available to all Government agencies that want to buy them. The National Safety Council will take orders for and distribute the film to non-governmental agencies or groups who want to cooperate in the farm safety program. The strip is intended for year-round safety training.

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NEW FARM MACHINERY FOR VETS. . . . Veterans of World War II who can show the need for and inability to get farm machinery to establish or reestablish themselves in farming are given a break in getting such equipment under War Food Order No. 135, to be effective June 25, 1945. Preference certificates to be issued by county Triple-A committees, will give veterans preference over nearly all other prospective purchasers of new farm machinery. WFA points out that many veterans were forced to dispose of their farm machinery when they were called to military service and that they have earned the right to reestablish themselves in farming without delay. The food they will be able to produce is also badly needed. For further details see USDA release 1138-45.

A TIMELY FARM TOPICS PLATTER cut this week contains a discussion by Ernie Moore and Duke DuMars on the natural control of injurious insects on one side. The other side is a transcription on how the Army Air Forces is growing vegetables without soil on rocky Ascension Island in Mid-Atlantic. This is voiced by Keith Himebaugh, USDA Director of Information, Lt. Max Hutto, AAF Combat Reporter; Kendrick W. Blodgett, Field Director AAF Hydroponics Project; Lt. Colonel John D. Torrey, Jr., Commanding Officer, USAF, Ascension Island, and Corporal Wayne Burton, Seanth, Missouri.

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PROGRAMS FOR PREMIERE' SHOWINGS OF "SOMETHING YOU DIDN'T EAT," Among those scheduled to speak at the Washington premiere' of the Walt Disney nutrition film June 26, 4 p.m. EWT, in the Department's auditorium are: War Food Administrator Marvin Jones; M. L. Wilson, Director of Extension Service; Katherine Lenroot, Chief of the Childrens' Bureau of the Department of Labor; Dr. Jos. W. Mountin who will appear on behalf of Dr. Thomas Parran, Surgeon General of the U. S. Public Health Service; Dr. Walter H. Gaumnitz of the U. S. Office of Education; Hazel K. Stiebeling, Chief of BHN&HE; and Maurice Hanson, Deputy Director of OWI.

In addition to those mentioned in the May 26 Calendar as invited to attend the Washington premiere' are all members of the Senate and House Agriculture Committee, heads of federal agencies, and chiefs of the various bureaus and divisions of WFA and USDA.

Plans are for prominent people to attend and take part in the premiere' showing in the other cities--New York City, Chicago, Dallas, Atlanta, Los Angeles, and San Francisco. The previews will be on the same day in each of the 7 cities but not at the same hour.

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FARM SAFETY WEEK PROGRAM. . . . The USDA Safety Council launched its build-up program for National Farm Safety Week at its monthly meeting on June 20, in the Department Auditorium. Principal participants were Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas and Under Secretary Grover Hill. Senator Capper pointed out that he has long been intensely interested in farm accident and fire prevention work and feels that the high farm accident rate can be reduced if all persons and agencies interested in agriculture will do their part. The Senator and Under Secretary called upon each USDA Bureau and Office to take an active part in the observance of National Farm Safety Week, July 22-28.

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